

then was because I felt the bill in its present form was not proper. After discussing this with Senator Johnson in great detail, he indicated to me his sincere desire and willingness to put this bill in shape. I realize he did that on the floor but I wasn't as convinced of that he could do it as I am now after talking to him and going over the bill section by section. I think Senator Johnson can do this. He is committed to do it. I am convinced he is sincere in his conviction. I think the bill can be made workable and I would very strongly urge that we reconsider this action so at least we give Senator Johnson the opportunity, number one, and number two, that we have an opportunity to debate this bill on the floor.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol, do you wish to speak to the motion?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, yes, I do. Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, here we go again. This is the second time we have tried to bring this from committee. Senator Johnson the other day admitted it was a lousily prepared bill, quickly prepared, not in shape. I don't know what shape it is in now but I think we have one thing to keep in mind and that is this. Do you want to make it easier for the criminal? Do you want to make it easier for the one who is arrested? Do you want to make it more difficult for the officers who are trying to preserve law and order in this state? And if you do, then vote to return this and expunge the records as to arrests. Now, true, this is an arrest record and as I attempted to point out the other day, the State Patrol for one keep records on this. These are not records that are given out to the press or to the public. These are records that are kept within the Police Department or the State Patrol. When State Patrols from other areas, other states, call us and want to know what records we have they will tell them. For example, when they have a suspect of burglary and have somebody in mind they call the places where this person lived before to find out if there were other burglary arrests and so on. So it happens in the state when we have records of arrest, the officers that do this and the departments, the Police Departments, or the State Patrol or the city where the arrest is made will keep these records and it is a merely a matter among policing offices as to what has happened in the past. If this were out in the public, keeping these poor fellows from getting a job or something of this nature, this would be different, but I think you simply have to make the choice